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15 April 1959

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Admiral Arleigh Burke  
Chief of Naval Operations  
Department of Defense  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Faithfully,

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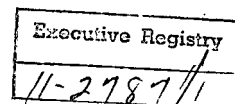
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10 April 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : *A/*Deputy Director (Plans) *mt*

SUBJECT : Reply to letter from Admiral Arleigh Burke,  
Chief of Naval Operations

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for action by the DCI, such recommendation appears in Paragraph 3.

2. Attached for your approval is the draft of a reply from yourself to a letter from Admiral Arleigh Burke, dated 31 March 1959, which quotes in extenso, a letter to Admiral Burke from Rear Admiral M. F. D. Flaherty, COMIDEASTFOR.

3. Should the attached letter meet with your approval, it is recommended that it be sent to Admiral Burke.



Chief  
Near East and  
South Asia Division

1 Attachment

cc: DDCI

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With warmest regards.

Faithfully,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

cc: DDCI

Signature Recommended:

[Redacted Signature]

Deputy Director  
(Plans)

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*W. B. Bond*  
*CNE*



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